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# **Breaking News**

### Colorado Medicaid Receives \$42.9 Million as a Performance Bonus

Colorado Medicaid has received a \$42.9 million Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) Performance Bonus from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). This bonus was the largest awarded in the country and marks the third consecutive year Colorado Medicaid has earned CMS recognition for its ongoing efforts to identify and enroll eligible children in Medicaid and CHP+.

The award brings the total CHIPRA Performance Bonus for 2012, which included a supplemental payment of \$7 million, to \$49,674,898. Total amounts awarded in 2011 and 2010 were \$30,673,282 and \$13,671,043 respectively.

To qualify for the Performance Bonus, states must, 1) have in place at least five Medicaid and CHIP program features known to promote enrollment and retention in health coverage for children; and 2) demonstrate a significant increase in Medicaid enrollment among children during the course of the federal fiscal year.

Thanks to everyone who assists our clients in applying for public health insurance programs. You make a difference every day.

### Federal Health Quality Data Grant Awarded

The Department received word on December 21, 2012 that the Colorado Health Initiative (CHI) received a grant to enhance collection, reporting and analysis of health quality data. The grants were part of the Affordable Care Act's initiatives to strengthen states' analytic capacity to measure and improve the quality of care among adult Medicaid clients.

The Department is partnering with CHI to work with the Regional Care Collaborative Organizations (RCCOs) in generating region specific data for better health care delivery.

The initial grant award is \$1 million, with another \$1 million available based on progress made during the first year, for a total of \$2 million.

If you would like more information please contact Katie Brookler.

### **Medicaid Supplemental Payments**

Medicaid primary care supplemental payments were enacted as part of the Affordable Care Act. The supplemental Medicaid payments begin for services rendered from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015.

To qualify, Medicaid physicians must self-attest as having a specialty in family medicine, general internal medicine and/or pediatric medicine.

A short electronic survey will be used for Medicaid physicians to self-attest by selecting their board certification, or by declaring that 60 percent of their Medicaid claims are for eligible E&M codes and vaccine administration codes. We will keep you updated as progress is made.

Please click here for more information or contact Richard Delaney.

# **Improving Health Outcomes**

### Adult Buy-In Benefit Update

The Medicaid Buy-In Program for Working Adults with Disabilities (Adult Buy-In) is an Adult Medical Assistance program that provides Medicaid benefits for working individuals with disabilities, ages 16 through 64, whose adjusted individual income is at or below 450% FPL (\$4,198/month in 2012 after adjustments are applied). Eligible individuals receive Medicaid benefits by paying a monthly premium on a sliding scale based on their adjusted individual income.

All clients enrolled in the Adult Buy-In program will continue to receive Regular Medicaid benefits. Effective December 1, 2012 HCBS benefits are available to qualified clients in the Adult Buy-In program through the Elderly, Blind and Disabled (EBD) or Community Mental Health Supports (CMHS) waiver. To receive the additional HCBS benefits through the Adult Buy-In, clients must:

- Meet the eligibility criteria for the Adult Buy-In program;
- Be at least 18 years old; AND
- Meet the functional and targeting criteria for the EBD or CMHS waiver.

For more information on this benefit update, please visit the Department Web site at Colorado.gov/hcpf and click on <u>What's New</u> under the Quick Links.

# **Improve Long-Term Services and Supports**

### The Aging & Disability Summit

The Aging & Disability Summit was a huge success! Organized by the departments of Human Services, Public Health and Environment and Health Care Policy and Financing, the summit was held on November 13-15, 2012 in Colorado Springs.

More than 500 people attended the summit per day. The audience was a mixture of consumers, family members, providers, county staff, single entry point agency staff, advocates, health care professionals, researchers, academics, and state staff.

The overall goal of the summit was to promote collaboration, innovation, education, skills and leadership to enhance services to the aging population and those living with disabilities.

If you would like more information, please contact John Barry.

### Colorado Alliance of Health and Independence, CAHI

The CAHI Board has elected to dissolve CAHI as of January 1, 2013. All clients have been notified by their case managers and the change does not affect a client's Medicaid eligibility.

Clients will be enrolled in the Accountable Care Collaborative and linked to a RCCO who will continue with the case and care coordination services without interruption. If the client does not want to be in the Accountable Care Collaborative, they have 90 days after they enroll to select another plan.

If you would like more information, please contact <u>Doug VanHee</u>.

#### What's Your Connection?

Disability.gov has launched the "What's Your Connection?" Initiative to celebrate the website's 10th anniversary. As most people either know someone who has a disability or have a disability themselves, this initiative aims to promote inclusion and highlight disability as a natural part of life. People are asked to submit a captioned photograph or video that answers the question "What's your connection with disability?" Submission deadline is July 31, 2013.

If you would like more information, please visit: <u>Disability</u> or <u>http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lvO2juUCii4</u> for a YouTube interview.

# **Containing Costs**

## **Colorado Choice Transitions Training**

Colorado Choice Transitions (CCT) held its first training for Transition Coordinators and Intensive Case Managers in Denver on December 4, 2012. Eighty people attended the training,



including diverse representation from Single Entry Points, Community Center Boards, and Area Agencies on Aging, service providers, the Legal Center, State Ombudsman, clients, advocates, and Department staff. The interactive training provided detailed information about the transition process for clients moving into the community from long-term care facilities. Good communication, post-transition contact and monitoring, and risk planning and mitigation were emphasized in the training.

The CCT team conducted the same training in Grand Junction for 40 attendees on December 10, 2012. In January, the team will travel to Durango and then to Pueblo to provide

the Transition Coordinator and Intensive Case Manager training to 60 additional potential CCT providers.

If you would like more information, please contact Medicaid Customer Service: 303-866-3513 or toll-free at 1-800-221-3943.

### Reminders

### Mandatory PAR Submission into CareWebQI, CWQI

Effective March 4, 2013 PARS (Prior Authorization Requests) must be submitted using CWQI. After April 1, 2013, PARs submitted via fax or mail will not be entered into CWQI and subsequently not reviewed for medical necessity. These PARs will be returned to providers via mail.

Electronic PAR format will be required unless hard copy PAR submittals are specifically authorized by the Department. This exception is for providers who submit five or less PARs per month.

If you would like a trainer to come to your office, please contact the ColoradoPAR Program at RES\_ColoradoPAR @apshealthcare.com.

### **CHP+ and Medicaid Changes**

- Pregnant women whose income is up to 186% FPL will be moved to Medicaid en masse on January 1, 2013. Women whose income is 186% - to 250% FPL will remain in CHP+.
- Effective January 1, 2013, children of state employees, pregnant state employees, and pregnant spouses of state employees will no longer be disqualified from CHP+ eligibility solely because they're a member of a family that is eligible for health benefits coverage under a state health benefits plan.



- The premium assistance program, CHP+ at Work, will end on December 31, 2012. The program was only offered in Denver Health. Children will not lose their coverage.
- After January 1, 2013, choosing an HMO will no longer be necessary when you fill out the application. Instead, after the children have been determined eligible to receive CHP+, the parent / guardian will have the opportunity to choose the HMO.

If you would like more information, please click here.

#### **Medical Services Board**

#### **Public Rule Review Opportunities**

Partners who are interested in a one-on-one discussion with Department staff about upcoming rules are invited to attend the Department's Public Rule Review Meeting. Information is available on the <a href="Public Rule Review Meetings">Public Rule Review Meetings</a> web page. Reasonable accommodations for the meetings are provided upon request for persons with disabilities.

For more information or to be added to the Board email distribution list for updates on Board activities, please contact Judi Carey.

## **Employment Opportunities**

Applying for state government jobs is easy. Applications are electronic, you will receive updates, and you do not need to answer any written questions until it is determined that you meet the minimum qualifications. Check out the new <u>website</u> and our job openings.

The Department offers a competitive benefits package that includes the Public Employees' Retirement Account (PERA), a 401K or 457 retirement plan, health and dental insurance options, 10 holidays, and accrual of paid sick and vacation time.

The Department is a tobacco-free campus.

### **Enrollment**

In November 2012 there were 669,203 clients enrolled in Medicaid and 86,462 clients enrolled in CHP+. Monthly numbers for enrollment and expenditures can be found on the Department's Budget Web page.



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